



THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE FOUNDATION

THE COVER ILLUSTRATION

The heroic statue of "Abraham Lincoln, the Hoosier Youth" is the first successful effort to visualize the rail-splitter during his formative years in Indiana. This study in bronze, dedicated September 16, 1932, stands in the plaza of the Home Office building of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company at Fort Wayne, Indiana. A bronze tablet on the granite base of the statue bears the inscription which follows:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

CAME TO INDIANA IN 1816 WHEN BUT
SEVEN YEARS OLD. UPON BECOMING OF
AGE IN 1830 HE MIGRATED TO ILLINOIS.
THIS STATUE BY PAUL MANSHIP PORTRAYS
ABRAHAM LINCOLN AS A HOOSIER YOUTH.

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A Brief Summary of Its Objectives and Its Achievements

Only at long intervals of time do characters emerge who belong to the ages. When one appears unheralded, his full worth is not immediately appreciated; but gradually the spark of genius which emanates from his personality inspires all who come within its glow. Such a person of renown was Abraham Lincoln, whom the English historian H. G. Wells has named as one of the six outstanding immortals of world civilization.

Remembering that Lincoln lived in Indiana during his most impressionable years, one

quarter of his whole life to be exact, one would expect to find in this state some memorial effort which might contribute to a better understanding of his growth and achievements. Such an historical project has been realized in the establishment of the Lincoln National Life Foundation.

From its very inception in 1928 under the direction of Dr. Louis A. Warren, an outstanding Lincoln student, the Foundation has made an exhaustive search for every fragment of information that might throw more light upon the life and works of the martyred American President. The result of this intensive and far-reaching program has brought to the library and museum of the Foundation the largest collection of organized information ever gathered about an historical character.

This brief summary of the Foundation activities sets forth its program of work and the availability of its archives for serious study of this figure who personifies our American civilization.

The Library

A most comprehensive collection of literature has been assembled in the library of the Foundation, and it is accessible to students. The books, pamphlets, and periodicals are classified and arranged in five different divisions: Lincolniana, association books, collateral publications, magazine articles, and newspaper clippings.

Lincolniana—Books and pamphlets, exclusively Lincoln, are included here. This collection of literature, numbering 7500 volumes of which 300 are in foreign languages, requires over 458 lineal feet of bookcases to organize and display them.

Association Books—Books similar to those Lincoln read comprise this exhibit. The 225 books in this section constitute an important division of the library and assist the student in orienting himself in an atmosphere contemporaneous with Lincoln's day.

Collateral Publications—Biographies of Lincoln's associates, histories of the communities where he lived, reminiscences of men who knew him, and discussions on political subjects are gathered in this compilation. About 4000 such books and pamphlets form an invaluable source library supplementing the publications exclusively Lincoln.

Periodicals—More than 3500 magazine articles on Lincoln have been separately bound. These are indexed according to subject, author, and title of publication. Complete files of leading historical magazines which have featured Lincoln data are also available. Newspapers contemporary with Lincoln's day also have been properly filed and indexed.

Clippings—Over 100,000 pages of clippings filed under more than 3000 different specified subjects relating to Lincolniana are available for reference. Fifty-three steel files are necessary to distribute and to systematize this mammoth scrapbook.

The Museum

Display features of unusual Lincoln interest are to be found in the museum. Oil paintings, original photographs, contemporary prints, broadsides, metallic subjects, and curios are on display.

Paintings—Some of America's best known artists—Pruett Carter, Dean Cornwell, J. C. Leyendecker, and Frederic Mizen, to name a few—have made oil paintings for the Foundation depicting various human-interest episodes in Lincoln's life. Twenty-four of these original studies have been acquired.

Original Photographs—A large and valuable collection of over 100 Lincoln photographs from the original

negatives are displayed in an impressive chronological arrangement.

Prints—More than 6000 different prints of Lincoln have been collected, comprising engravings, woodcuts, etchings, lithographs, and pictures by modern reproductive processes. These prints are all catalogued and systematically displayed or filed.

Broadsides—Rare broadsides consisting of contemporary political posters, addresses, ballots, and a large number of caricatures have been assembled, totaling more than 1500.

Metallic Lincolniana—Seventy-five busts and statuettes, eighty plaques, and over 1200 Lincoln medals are in the museum display.

The Archives

The department of archives is especially rich—in documents relating to Lincoln's ancestry, Kentucky environments, and early Indiana history; also in original writings of Abraham Lincoln and his contemporaries.

Genealogy—Genealogical lists of 1200 Hanks families and hundreds of family letters comprise the largest collection of documents ever assembled about Lincoln's maternal ancestry.

Kentucky Records—Thousands of records copied from original entries in Kentucky courthouses are available, and 1200 original manuscripts dating back to 1780 have been assembled.

Indiana History—The Richard Thompson collection of manuscripts, comprising 1200 items contemporary with Lincoln's day, gives a fine picture of political life in Indiana at that time.

Autograph Collections—Countless thousands of letters relating to Lincoln are on file containing over 500 by people who knew him and 35 original writings of Lincoln himself.

Microfilm Strips—The contents of the two largest Lincoln Manuscript Collections in the Library of Congress—The Lincoln Papers consisting of 18,350 documents and the Herndon-Weik Collection of records and reminiscences—are valuable reference sources.

Duplication Department

Urgent requests by Lincoln students that the Foundation furnish them with copies of photographs, photostats, and out-of-print books called for the establishment of a sales department.

Photographs—Prints from more than 1000 negatives portraying nearly every phase of the Lincoln story are available.

Photostats—Photostatic reproduction of manuscripts in the Foundation, rare books and pamphlets where the copyright permits, and magazine articles, newspaper clippings, broadsides, and other such items are obtainable.

Books and Pamphlets—The Foundation is constantly acquiring small collections of books to supplement its own library. This causes many duplicates to be available for resale.

The Publications

Two publications are issued periodically by the Foundation: *Lincoln Lore* and *The Lincoln Digest*. Books and pamphlets on Lincoln subjects also are published from time to time.

Lincoln Lore—Each week for nineteen years the Foundation has issued a bulletin called *Lincoln Lore*. This bulletin contains human interest episodes in Lincoln's life and a quarterly Lincoln bibliography. This publication is available to libraries, educational institutions, and Lincoln students.

The Lincoln Digest—This is a four-page pamphlet printed at intervals, which contains condensed informa-

tion about interesting phases of Lincoln's life. These leaflets are available in quantities for distribution in schools, patriotic organizations, and public assemblies.

The Bureaus

Three bureaus—Research, Speakers, and Information—are actively engaged in directing the work of the Foundation. It is the purpose of the organization not only to gather but to disseminate Lincoln history.

Research—The Foundation is ever on the alert to discover new facts relating to the life and works of Lincoln, and it greatly appreciates any authentic information about his life which is not generally known.

Speakers—The Director of the Foundation each year addresses about 200 groups, reaching approximately 100,000 people. Radio addresses reach additional thousands. A pamphlet, "Addresses on Abraham Lincoln," describes this service and may be secured upon request.

Information—The tremendous amount of data gathered about Lincoln has caused the Foundation to become known as the center of Lincoln information in America. It invites Lincoln inquiries.

The Sponsor

A Foundation with a program so ambitious, would imply the guidance of a sympathetic sponsor. The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company wholly maintains and administers the work of the Foundation memorial in appreciation of the use of the name of Lincoln in its official title and for the right to display a portrait of Lincoln as the company insignia. This last privilege was granted by Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, who presented for this purpose an original photograph of President Lincoln to Arthur F. Hall, founder of the company.

How much the Lincoln name, the Lincoln insignia, and the motto, "Its name indicates its character," has contributed to the phenomenal growth of the Company cannot be measured. Less than twenty-five of the five hundred American insurance companies have attained the goal of one billion of insurance in force, and only one

of these companies has reached this objective in as short a space of time as the Lincoln National.

Representatives of the Company in forty-two different states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, the Philippines, and the Territory of Hawaii are interested in the progress of the Foundation and contribute valuable information for its files. Company offices in ninety-five important American cities act as distributing points for information on Abraham Lincoln published by the Foundation.

The library and museum of the Foundation, located on the fourth floor of the Home Office building of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company at Fort Wayne, Indiana, may be visited from 8:00 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. each weekday except Saturday when the office building closes at noon. Visitors are always welcome.

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